



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants and loans, employment opportunities and miscellaneous information. Input and feedback are appreciated. For information, contact M. Castain 415-972-3264; email castain.maria@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/newslet.html>.

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9, San Francisco, California

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Tribal Program Newsletter

Meetings and Conferences



Sponsor: United Tribes Technical College


May 14–Jul 16	Indian Country Environmental Hazard Assessment Program (ICEHAP)	Eight weeks of web-based instruction	Leah Woodke, 701-225-3285, ext. 1339 or email: lwoodke@uttc.edu
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Host: Washington State

May 23-24	11 th Annual Western States and Tribes Lead Conference	Seattle, WA	http://capps.wsu.edu/conferences/Tri-RegionLead/
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Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

Jul 23-26	National Forum on Contaminants in Fish	Portland, ME	http://epa.gov/waterscience/fish/
Jul 24-26	RTOC Meeting	Pechanga, CA	Hillary Hecht, 415-972-3790 or hecht.hillary@epa.gov
 Aug. 22-23	Tribal Children's Environmental Health Summit. Priority will be given to members and staffs of Tribes in Regions 6, 8, and 10, but it is open to everyone	Denver, CO	Eric Byous at byous.eric@epa.gov or 415-972-3531
Oct 15-16	RTOC Meeting in conjunction with the Tribal Annual Conference	Elko, NV	Hillary Hecht, 415-972-3790 or hecht.hillary@epa.gov
Oct 17-19	15 th Annual Tribal Conference, Region 9	Elko, NV	Lilia Dignan, 415-972-3779 or dignan.lilia@epa.gov

Sponsor: National Tribal Environmental Council

Apr 30- May 3	One World, One Environment	Albuquerque, NM	505-242-2175 ext.107, http://www.ntec.org
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Sponsor: Cal/EPA

May 29- Jun 1	14 th Annual Cal/EPA Cross Media Enforcement Symposium	Napa, CA	http://www.arb.ca.gov/training/enfsym.htm
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Sponsor: Sustainable Development Institute

Jun 11- 15	Sharing Indigenous Wisdom: An International Dialogue on Sustainable Development Conference	Green Bay, WI	www.SharingIndigenousWisdom.org or Sustainable Development Institute
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Trainings

Sponsor: Nielsen Field School

May 2-4	Complete Ground-Water Sampling Field Course	Columbus, OH	See below
May 15-18	Environmental Sampling Field Course	Columbus, OH	See below

Contact the school at info@envirofieldschool.com, call 740-965-5026 or visit the following Web site at www.envirofieldschool.com for course outlines, testimonials, course instructor information, or to register.



Sponsor: EPA and the American Lung Association

May 21-15	Tribal Indoor Air Training	Hopland Tribe, CA	Louise Hill, 415-947-4192 or hill.louise@epa.gov
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Sponsor: The Northwest Environmental Training Center

Jun 19-20	Introduction to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	Oakland, CA	Kristine Robson, 206-762-1976; krobson@nwetc.org
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Sponsor: The Grants Institute

Jun 25-27	Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop	Raleigh, NC	Call 888-824- 4424 or info@thegrantinstitute.com
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Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

May 8-10	Air Quality System	San Francisco, CA	928—523-1266 or http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp
May 8-11	AQ and Com. Health—Alaska	Kotzebue, AK	928—523-1266 or http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp
May 15-18	AQ in AK Native Villages	Anchorage, AK	928—523-1266 or http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp

ITEP is looking for tribal staff members currently engaged in conducting environmental inspections who would be interested in acting as tribal instructors for ITEP courses. If interested, contact Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840. For a complete listing of course catalog, please go to or call Lydia Scheer, Training Coordinator, 928-523-6887 or visit: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp>

Sponsor: National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

EPA's NETI online training resource site provides access to course registration, training products, online classrooms, and e-mail updates. If you have any questions, call Arthur Totten 202-564-7164; fax: 202-564-0072; email: totten.arthur@epa.gov or go to the following Web site for the most up-to-date list of enforcement and compliance courses offered: <http://www.envirofieldschool.com> or <http://www.netionline.com>

Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars

A brochure for training seminars is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 505-281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

Grants and Loans

Grants.gov

Funding from the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for award. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete takes a minimum of 15 days to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, you are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted> . Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at support@grants.gov.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)



Rural Housing Economic Development (RHED)

HUD requests proposals for the Rural RHED Program. RHED supports innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas. Allowable project areas include, but are not limited to: the cost of using new or innovative construction, energy efficiency, or other techniques that will result in the design or construction of innovative housing and economic development projects; preparation of architectural or engineering drawings; and acquisition of land and buildings. \$16.8 million is expected to be available and individual awards NTE \$300K. Responses are due May 23. For more information, call HUD toll free at (877) 787-2526 or go to: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa07/grprhed.cfm>.



Healthy Homes Demonstration Program

HUD requests proposals for the Healthy Homes Demonstration Program. This program supports the development, demonstration and promotion of cost-effective, preventive measures to correct multiple safety and health hazards in the home environment that produce serious diseases and injuries in children in low- and very low-income families. \$5 million is expected to be available and five to seven awards are anticipated. Responses are due May 18. For more information, contact Emily Williams at Emily_E._Williams@hud.gov or go to: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa07/grplead.cfm>.



Healthy Homes and Lead Technical Studies

HUD requests proposals for Healthy Homes and Lead Technical Studies. Two separate programs are included under this announcement. For more information, go to: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa07/grplead.cfm>.

- (1) Lead Technical Studies support research on the development of improved methods for evaluating and reducing lead-based paint hazards in housing. \$3.6 million is expected to be available; four to ten awards are anticipated. Responses are due May 18.
- (2) Healthy Homes Technical Studies support the development of improved methods for evaluating and reducing other hazards in housing including mold, environmental aspects of asthma, carbon monoxide, and unintentional injuries. \$2 million is expected to be available; two to six awards are anticipated. Responses are due May 18.



Healthy Homes Lead Hazard Control Program

HUD requests proposals for the Healthy Homes Lead Hazard Control Program. Three separate programs are included under this announcement. For more information, go to:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa07/grplead.cfm>.

- (1) The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program assists states, Native American Tribes, and local governments in undertaking comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned housing for rental or owner-occupants. \$76.4 million is expected to be available and 26-40 awards are anticipated. Responses are due May 18.
- (2) The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program assists states, Native American Tribes, and local governments in undertaking comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards for urban jurisdictions with the highest lead-based paint hazard control needs. \$54.7 million is expected to be available and 14–22 awards are anticipated. Responses due May 30.
- (3) Operation Lead Elimination Action Program assists private sector and nonprofit organizations to leverage funds for addressing lead hazards in privately owned housing units and eliminating lead poisoning as a major public health threat to young children. \$17.3 million is expected to be available and 9–12 awards are anticipated. Responses due May 18.



Lead Outreach Program

HUD requests proposals for the Lead Outreach Program. The purpose of this program is to raise public awareness and deliver training about lead-based paint as a source of lead poisoning, childhood lead poisoning prevention, and proper lead hazard identification, control and lead safe rehabilitation and maintenance methods for at-risk communities and children, primarily to underserved populations. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to: Door-to-door canvases, health fairs, news in print, TV or on the radio, paid advertising, telephone hotlines and websites. \$2 million is expected to be available and individual awards NTE \$400K. Responses due May 18. For more information, contact Jonnette Hawkins at Jonnette.G.Hawkins@hud.gov or go to:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa07/grplead.cfm>.

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Working with the Chemical Strategies Partnership

EPA has funded the Chemical Strategies Partnership (CSP), an independent non-profit organization, to work with a tribe to evaluate opportunities to reduce chemical and waste costs. Anticipated benefits to the tribe include reducing costs, reducing hazardous and solid waste, and reducing toxic materials. CSP would like to select a tribe from Region 9 and is asking interested R9 tribes to please submit their interest. CSP is especially interested in tribes that may have multiple chemical-using operations in a centralized location. For more information, please contact Jeff Cole at 415-421-3405 x32 or jeff@chemicalstrategies.org

Local Governments Reimbursements (LGR)

The LGR program provides federal funds to local governments for costs related to temporary emergency measures conducted in response to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances. The program serves as a "safety net" to provide supplemental funding (up to \$25,000 per incident) to local governments that do not have funds available to pay for these response actions. Eligible local governments include cities, towns, townships, counties, and federally-recognized Indian Tribes, among others. Typical incidents include transportation accidents, abandoned drums, former methamphetamine labs, chemical spills and accidents, as well as threats that any hazardous substance may be released. If local hazardous material responders incurred expenses to an incident on tribal lands or within their jurisdiction, tribes may seek cost reimbursement from the EPA within one year of the response. The Region 9 contact for the LGR program is Hedy Salter at 415-972-3046. Further information on the program can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/er/lgr/index.htm>; or

by calling the LGR Helpline at 800-431-9209 and asking for an application package to keep on hand. For additional information about these procedures contact Daniel Meer at 415- 972-3132 or by email at meer.daniel@epa.gov .

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or “seed money” to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, and individuals, for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state’s program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Indian Country Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Multi-Year Cleanup Initiative

EPA Region 9 recently announced the Indian Country LUST multi-year cleanup initiative. Using LUST trust funds, EPA will pay for site assessments and cleanups on LUST sites on tribal lands. EPA has contracted a Native Alaskan-owned firm, Bristol Environmental, to assist with the work. EPA has identified more than 200 LUST sites on the lands of 17 different tribes. Further sites may be identified as the work progresses. For more information, please contact Carl Warren, UST Program Office, at 415-972-3355 or email to: warren.carl@epa.gov

Mining-Impacted Indigenous Communities

The Indigenous Environmental Network and the Western Mining Action Network request proposals for the Indigenous Communities Mini-Grant Program. This program supports capacity building efforts of mining-impacted indigenous communities to assure that mining projects do not adversely affect human, cultural, and the ecological health within their traditional territories. Individual grants NTE \$2.5K. Responses are due June 1, 2007. For more information, go to: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10004782/nativephilanthropy>

Integrated Waste Management Board

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling 916-341-6316

Housing and Community Development in California

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones 916-319-8402 or email ajones@hcd.ca.gov

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at 877-408-9310.

California Endowment Program

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to <http://www.calendow.org> or call 800-449-4149.

Funding Sources for Communities

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>
For more information, call Jessica Counts 415-972-3288.

The California Department of Water Resources

The 2007 Proposal Solicitation for Water Use Efficiency is a two step process. In Step 1, the applicant will submit (on-line) a concept proposal. Applicants with concept proposals meeting specific criteria and requirements will be asked to submit a detailed and full proposal for funding consideration. If you have any questions, please e-mail wue@water.ca.gov or 916-651-9666 or email baryohay@water.ca.gov

Employment Opportunities



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Water Resources Engineer

Under supervision of the Division Manager (Water Resources), plans, manages, and conducts water resources related engineering projects, including design, supervision of contracts and contractors, planning and supervision of survey and engineering technician staff. This position is treated as an FLSA exempt position. For additional information about the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community please visit the website at: <http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov>. To download a job application or apply on-line go to: <http://www.srpmicjobs.com> If you have any questions or would like more information about current job openings, please call the Human Resources Job Line at 480-850-8299 or the Reception Desk at 480-850-8096, or email employment@srpmic-nsn.gov.



EPA Program Coordinator for the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians

This person will coordinate various programs in the Tribe's environmental department. Programs may relate to air quality, water quality, wastewater, land use, solid waste, GIS mapping, and cultural resources. Please send resume to Kris Carre, Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, 3000 Shanel Road, Hopland, CA 95449 or call 707-744-1647, x1308 or email: kcarre@hoplandtribe.com



San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

The environmental department has an opening for a manager. If interested, please contact, Mike Layne, Grant Administrator, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, MLayne@SanManuel-NSN.Gov, 909-863-5899, ext. 4336; office 909-649-1707; cell 909 864-5256;

EPA Summer Student Employment Opportunities (SSEO) Web Site

This site enables students to learn about EPA offices and summer employment opportunities. Students will be able to submit a job application directly to the EPA location that has a vacancy. The EPA Jobs Website is located at: <http://www.epa.gov/careers>. The direct link to the SSEO Web site is <http://www.epa.gov/ohr/student>. This Web site will be available until May 18, 2007. The Office of Human Resources will provide supporting services by maintaining the Web site, collecting applicant and hiring data, and evaluating the process at the end of each summer. If you have any questions about this hiring program, please call JoAnn Brant at 202-564-0375 or brant.joann@epa.gov.

Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

This opening is for an air compliance specialist. For more information, contact Becky J. Ross 760-342-2593, ext. 84778

Tribal Environmental Director, Wiyot Tribe, Table Bluff Reservation, Loleta, CA

The Tribal Environmental Director supervises and directs the Tribal Environmental Department. The department develops, promulgates and monitors all aspects of the Tribe's environmental programs, including the ongoing restoration of Indian Island and efforts to ecologically restore the Eel River, and serves as an education function for the youth and other community/Tribal members. The department also provides environmental health and safety support for the physical plant and public works functions of the Tribe. A Bachelor's Degree in environmental field of study or equivalent experience and education is required. For additional information and to apply contact the Wiyot Tribe to obtain an Employment Application, 707-733-5055, www.wiyot.us. Return your completed application along with resume, cover letter, and three references to: Wiyot Tribe, 1000 Wiyot Drive, Loleta, CA 95551

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA)

ITCA seeks a person who will administer project activities in accordance with EPA grants, which include: developing and implementing work plan activities, preparing and monitoring program budgets, producing written and verbal reports, and coordinating and facilitating meetings, workshops and technical training sessions. Submit or FAX resumes to: ITCA, 2214 North Central Avenue, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85004, Attn: Bette Hartsfield, Human Resources Specialist or call 602 258-4822 or FAX 602-258-4825. This position will remain open until filled.

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians announces two employment opportunities.

Environmental Technician: Under the direct supervision of the Tribal Hydro Geologist, incumbent will perform specific objective and work plan activities under established environmental grants. This position will perform a variety of field tasks in support of tribal environmental and development projects. Candidate must have three years field experience.

Senior Planner: This person will perform a selection of professional planning activities including: review of development and land use applications, zoning, research, site plan and environmental review. Applicant must have an advanced degree in city, urban or environmental planning, architecture, or a related field and two years experience in the field. Must have excellent analytical skills and written communication skills.

If you are interested in either of the above positions please email your cover letter and resume to mgomez@aguacaliente.net or call 760--883-1345 for more information. Also, you may click on www.sparesortcasino.com.

Environmental Coordinator

The Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians has an opening for an environmental coordinator. The person hired will be responsible for the development, analyses, and coordination of the environmental and water departments. The ideal candidate must be able to work in a team environment and be a self-starter, with little supervision, must be computer literate (knowledge of Microsoft Office, GIS a plus), must have experience with analytical chemistry

and/or microbiology, and must have excellent communication skills. The salary will depend on experience and this position will remain open until filled. Send your resumes to: Debra Breidenbach-Sterling, Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, P. O. Box 846, Coachella, CA 92236 or email dsterling@augustinetribe.com

Miscellaneous Items



May is Asthma Awareness Month

In support of Asthma Awareness Month, EPA developed an Event Planning Kit, an Asthma Awareness Month Web page, and Event Listing forms. Visit www.epa.gov/asthma/awm.html or enter "Asthma Awareness Month and indoor environments" in your Internet search engine to view the Web site link. The Event Planning Kit is a free resource for community organizers, health care providers, school nurses, teachers, and everyone who is committed to raising awareness of asthma triggers and their management. The kit includes ideas and tips on organizing events in local schools, hospitals, clinics, libraries, and state capitols, and provides sample proclamations, letters to the editor, and other resources to make it easy for you to organize outreach events.



Native American children help prevent asthma attacks by delivering the Goldfish message

The Ad Council and EPA are charting new territory by reaching out to Native American communities with culturally-tailored asthma messages in three tribal languages. Using the Goldfish asthma media campaign as the vehicle, this groundbreaking effort required a collaborative team between the Ad Council, the Aberdeen Tribal Chairman's Health Board, EPA's Region 8 and ORIA, to communicate with millions of Native Americans about ways to prevent asthma attacks. Several Native American children joined the collaboration by speaking and performing in their native languages for the radio public service announcements (PSA) produced in Navajo, Lakota and Anishnabe. These culturally-relevant PSAs will be broadcast in Native American communities to help raise awareness and promote actions to improve asthma outcomes. According to the Centers for Disease Control, Native Americans and Alaskan Natives report more asthma attacks and symptoms than other sub-groups. This special outreach effort was honored to garner the voluntary expertise and voice talent of Native American Gerard Baker, the National Park Service Superintendent of Mount Rushmore. Mr. Baker, well-known Native American leader and spokesperson, has appeared in educational efforts like Ken Burn's film about Lewis and Clark. Since 1991, the media has donated more than \$200 million to the national Goldfish campaign and has attracted more than one million unique visitors to its website and parents are reporting a 20% change in behavior to prevent asthma attacks. By producing Native American radio public service announcements the campaign continues to evolve and reach out in unique ways. The core campaign products are available in English and Spanish for TV, radio, newspaper, magazine, bus transit, billboard, school poster and web banner.

Tribal Resource Directory for Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment

This directory highlights more than 30 federal and non-federal programs that provide funding and technical assistance for tribal drinking water and wastewater systems. It is accessible by going to <http://www.epa.gov/owm/mab/indian/tribal-resource-directory.html>. The Web site features a simple search tool, program fact sheets, examples of tribal success stories, and allows printing of a pdf copy of the Directory. Hard-copies will be distributed widely to federally recognized tribes, EPA Regional Indian Coordinators, and tribal assistance providers. Copies of the Tribal Resource Directory (EPA 832-R-06-007) will also be available from the National Service Center for Environmental Publications starting in mid-December. To order paper copies, call: 1-800-490-9198.

Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook presents information on complying with Federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. Topics include asbestos, chemical use and management, drinking water, pesticides, PCBs, lead-based paint, and more. The Notebook is available at

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

Consulting with Indian Tribal Governments at Superfund Sites: A Beginner's Booklet

If you have questions concerning this booklet or would like to obtain a copy, please contact Nick Rebek, State, Tribe, and Site Identification Branch, 703-603-8811

Logo Requests

Tribes interested in having their logo featured on the EPA Tribal Program Web site may email a copy to Tina L. Williams, GAP Project Officer at williams.tina@epa.gov. For questions, please call her at 415-972-3784. The electronic logs will be used only for display purposes on the EPA Region 9 Web site. To view logos featured, go to the following link: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>

Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

America's Children and the Environment Web site

This Web site provides measures of environmental factors related to the health and well being of children in the United States. The Web site shows trends in environmental contaminant levels in air, water, food, and soil; concentrations of contaminants measured in the bodies of children and women; and childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposure to environmental contaminants. Ultimately these measurements will help guide efforts to minimize environmental impacts on the nation's children and also will form discussions among policymakers and the public about how to improve federal data. The updated measures are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children>

American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO)

AIEO has published the first EPA Tribal Program Enterprise Architecture (TPEA) tribal data newsletter. The purpose for this quarterly newsletter is to publish information about the work of TPEA. AIEO hopes to develop partnerships with parties that are interested in sharing information and ongoing experiences with data collection and information management. To view this newsletter click on <http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm> or to obtain copies email liu.ed@epa.gov or call 202-564-0287.

Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM)

The Grants Administration Division (GAD) of OARM is issuing a Statement of Work (SOW) to provide administrative and financial systems assistance and advice to Tribes. They are particularly interested in SBA 8(A) firms. This SOW is the one for which GAD has allotted yearly funding. Annual funding levels are anticipated between \$200,000 and \$400,000, with actual levels depending on the Agency's budget situation. It also could go higher in the event that other programs would like to join forces and supply funds as well. If anyone has any questions, please contact Glen Langlois at 202-564-5296 or via email at langlois.glen@epa.gov.

Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

Scrap Tire Cleanup Guidebook

In an effort to reduce scrap tire piles around the country, EPA and the state of Illinois have created the Scrap Tire Cleanup Guidebook, A Resource for Solid Waste Managers across the United States. It is estimated that more than 290 million tires are scrapped each year in the United States. While 80 per cent are being reused, millions have been accumulating in stockpiles over the past several decades. Large scrap tire stockpiles present a risk to human health and the environment. State, federal and local agencies have spent tens of millions of dollars over the past few decades responding to tire fires. The guidebook is rich with case studies highlighting many success stories. It can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/wptdiv/solidwaste/tires/guidance>.

National Response Center (NRC):

The NRC is the sole federal point of contact for reporting oil and chemical spills. To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675 or visit their Web page at: <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil> and click on services and web reports. The NRC operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, California, and Carson City, Nevada who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident in Arizona.

Inspector Credentials

Compliance assurance in Indian country is a national EPA priority. Region 9 is working toward improvement of the capacity of tribes to implement compliance assurance and enforcement programs by providing training for tribal environmental professionals and authorizing tribal inspectors to do federal inspections. Region 9 has increased the number of authorized inspectors from 3 to 7 and has Authorization Agreements in place with Navajo Nation for the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and with the Salt River-Pima Tribe for FIFRA. Additional opportunities are being developed to increase the number of credentialed tribal inspectors. For more information, please contact Angela Baranco, 415-947-4262 or baranco.angela@epa.gov.

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>
http://www.wiyot.us/River_Summit.htm
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<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-signed-memo.pdf>
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